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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - MODERN AIR TRANSPORT BEGINS BERLIN/
SAARBRUECKEN SERVICE

REF: BONN 6682

1. MAT'S SCHEDULED SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN AND SAAR-
BRUECKEN BEGAN AS PLANNED ON JULY 1, PRECEDED BY A WELL
PUBLICIZED AND ATTENDED INAUGURAL FLIGHT ON JUNE 28.
THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON THE FIRST REVENUE FLIGHTS
WAS NOT ENCOURAGING:

SUNDAY, JULY 1: BERLIN/ SAARBRUECKEN - 21

SAARBRUECKEN/ BERLIN - 18

JULY 2 (NORMING FLIGHT): BERLIN/ SAARBRUECKEN - 4

SAARBRUECKEN/ BERLIN - 33

(EVENING FLIGHT): BERLIN/ SAARBRUECKEN - 5

SAARBRUECKEN/ BERLIN - 16

MAT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT ATTACH SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE
SMALL NUMBER AND REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT ITS LOAD FACTORS
WILL BUILD UP. THE EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AFTER A
FEW WEEKS OF MAT OPERATIONS.

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2. PANAM CONTINUES TO SHOW ON ITS SCHEDULES THREE DAILY SERVICES, TWO VIA FRANKFURT AND ONE VIA COLOGNE, CONNECTING TO LOCAL GERMAN CARRIERS TO SAARBRUECKEN AT THOSE POINTS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF MAT'S NEW NON- STOP SERVICE, PANAM DOES NOT INTEND TO INVEST FURTHER TIME OR MONEY EITHER IN MAKING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPROVE THOSE CONNECTIONS OR IN SAARBRUECKEN SALES FACILITIES.
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